

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 3, 2022 – 10:30 am**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Induction of New Elders**

**Central Queens' Mission Statement**

*Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.*

**Gathering for Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**Lenten Litany**

Following Jesus requires strength for the journey. If we follow faithfully, we will find ourselves taken into places of shadows and death. It is easy to falter and want to return home. Have courage to step forward.

*The fifth rock is placed*

The rock of courage.

**May God's spirit walk with us.**

**\*Introit**

Don't Be Afraid

MV #90

**\*Call to Worship**

Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

**Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

**Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths and changes circumstances.

**Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us. We come with open hearts to worship God.**

**Hymn**

Come, Let Us Sing

VU #222

**Prayer of Approach**

**Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and in our future. Our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. In our worship, part our lips in praise, open our hearts in love, and quench our spirits in worship. Amen.**

*With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 126**

VU #850

**\*Hymn**

Jesus, Friend of Little Children

VU #340 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

**\* Hymn**

Jesus, Friend of Little Children

VU #340 vs 3

## Prayer for Transformation and Restoration

Lord Jesus Christ, we gather in your name today, aware that you keep moving closer and closer to the cross. We confess it is not easy to follow your story. Your willingness to give yourself inspired some to give of themselves, while others hesitated or criticized. We confess we often struggle to decide what to give, whom to help. We can be critical of those in need and those who help them. Forgive us when we look for reasons not to share, and excuse ourselves from acting generously, as you did. Amen.

## Assurance of Unending Love

### Presentation of Our Gifts

## Invitation to Generosity

## Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171  
(Chorus)

## \*Offertory Prayer

Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kingdom. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

## Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

## Anthem

## Sermon

## Reflective Music Selection

## Induction of Elders - Please Refer to Accompanying Booklet

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn Go to the World VU #420

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Peace Be With You MV #215

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

## Ministers

All of us

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**A Warm Welcome to All** – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Inez & Harry Smith. Lovingly remembered by Helen, Wilfred, Velda, Margaret & Lois and families.

**Sympathy** – Sympathies are extended to Gordon & Margaret Smith, Debbie & Nathan and Douglas & Courtney on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mary Smith.

**Covenanting New Elders** – Today we will be covenanting our new Elders.

### Life and Work of Our Church

**Greg's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**In-Church Services:** At the recent meeting of the Official Board, it has been decided that registration is no longer required. Masks are still required.

**Official Board Meeting** – The Official Board will be meeting on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. The agenda item will be COVID protocols. All are welcome to attend.

**Scent-Free** – *“No scents makes good sense.”* Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – The next order date will be Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

**Bookworms United** – Bookworms United will meet this Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will be on **Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good, a book about residential school survivors. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at [spangler@upei.ca](mailto:spangler@upei.ca).

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs when are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

### Community News

**West River United Church Comfort Food Online Auction** will open on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm and will run until this Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. All items can be viewed on our Facebook page. Please follow the instructions on our Facebook page to bid. The winners will be notified via message and be tagged in the comments section also. If you are the winner of an item, it can be picked up with payment on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment options are cheque and exact cash. Please share and invite your friends!! Anyone can bid!!



### THE THIRD CROSS

Two crosses stood upon a hill  
Where soon a third was raised.  
Two criminals awaiting death  
Looking toward the third, amazed  
To see who hung between them,  
Suffering quietly as he died ---  
The gentle son of Joseph ---  
Why would *he* be crucified?  
And still across the centuries,  
The question sounds today:  
Why would the gentle Son of God  
Meet death in such a way?  
If die he must, who not a death  
Of honor and acclaim ---  
Who choose to be identified  
With sinners and their shame?  
And yet his death upon the cross  
Enables us to see ---  
He comes to us right where we are,  
Not where we'd like to be.  
Amidst our darkness and disgrace,  
Our suffering and our sin,  
The Savior comes to each of us,  
Time and time again.

*By: B.J. Hoff*

